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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 30, 2005

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22202-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to a final Office Action dated December 30, 2005. The Applicant responds as follows:

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present amendment replies to an Office Action dated December 30, 2005. Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 15-27 are currently pending in the present application. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 15-27.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted the following actions to pending claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 15-27:

- A. Claims 1, 5-8, 15, 18, 21-24 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Douglas or Lastovich, et al., in view of Connelly, et al., and in further view of Fleming, et al. or Cirelli, et al.
- B. Claims 2 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Douglas or Lastovich, et al., in view of Connelly, et al., or Fleming, et al. or Cirelli, et al. and in further view of Bierman, et al.;
- C. Claims 4 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Douglas or Lastovich, et al., in view of Connelly, et al., or Fleming, et al. or Cirelli, et al. and in further view of Goldowsky; and
- D. Claims 16, 17, 25 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Douglas or Lastovich, et al, in view of Connelly, et al., or Fleming, et al. or Cirelli, et al. and in further view of Hazel, et al.